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RESOLUTION # 556

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BAKER MONTANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR DRAFT HOUSE BILL #798 AND REQUESTING THAT THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE ADOPT HOUSE BILL 798 AND PRESENT IT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNING.

WHEREAS, the impacts of coal, oil and gas development are often beyond the scope of the local government tax base to address.

WHEREAS, the availability of federal leasing impact funds combined with the current economic upturn of the coal, oil and gas industry in Montana allow a secure source for grants to assist local governments impacted by natural resource development.

WHEREAS, house bill 798 provides a mechanism to more efficiently operate the Board to oversee issues relating to mineral development in Montana.

WHEREAS, house bill 798 includes a process to assure that grant awards are made to local governments based on the greatest need and impact.

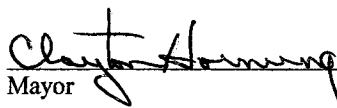
AND WHEREAS, House Bill 798 will aid the local governments in providing the necessary infrastructure support for the coal, oil, and gas industries so that they may continue their support to the economy of the State of Montana.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Baker that the above recitals are adopted in good faith as findings of fact.

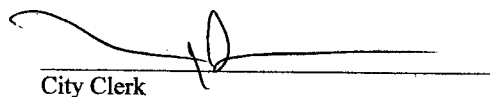
That the City of Baker expresses support for House Bill # 798 before the Montana Legislature and to Governor Schweitzer.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

This 8th day of March 2007.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk